



District 2 Update

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Midway & NTC Growing Pains: No Pain, No Gain

The Midway area of District 2 has been undergoing a planning transformation since the North Bay Redevelopment Area was established in the late 1990s and the North Bay Business Improvement District was initiated. Suggestions, dreams, visions and plans have contributed to the process, which is slowly coming to fruition.

One of the first improvements to become reality may be the proposal for a Walgreens Drugstore at the corner of Rosecrans Street and Midway Drive. Plans are drawn and the project will be presented to the North Bay PAC.

Another community group that contributes to the area is the Midway Beautification Project. Their first endeavor is designing and installing banners in the Midway business district. Future agendas will include issues surrounding homeless loiterers and the impacts of adult businesses on the area.

Under study currently is the possibility of a Bay to Bay link, which will create a connection between San Diego Bay or Mission Bay. Initially considered as a waterway, canal or series of locks that will move boats, it is also to be studied as a greenbelt or pedestrian walkway. Of importance to Councilmember Wear is that accommodations be made for the open space, in whatever form or in whatever phases it may need to be configured. The City Council approved funding of the feasibility study and will be reviewing the study results when it is completed.

North Bay/Peninsula Traffic Task Force

The North Bay/Peninsula Traffic Task Force includes representation of several community groups and is committed to creating a comprehensive traffic plan for the Midway/NTC and Peninsula areas. The group is led by Joe Mannino, president of the North Bay Business Improvement District. Among the members: Seth Leyton of the

Below is an elevation drawing of the proposed Walgreens Drugstore that may be built at the corner of Midway Drive and Rosecrans Street as part of the North Bay Redevelopment Area.



Focus in November: Pacific Beach

On The Docket

The City Council dockets are issued each Wednesday preceding the Monday and Tuesday meetings. Please call the City Clerk at 533-4000 for Docket information. The following items are coming forward on future dockets:

Tuesday, Oct 9
Gray Residence Appeal Reconsideration on proposal to construct a wireless telecommunication facility on residential property.

Public Hearing on the Design Review of the KUSI Project in the Marina District.

Tuesday, Oct. 23
Consideration of the Centre City Advisory Committee proposal by CCDC.

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Growing pains, continued

Peninsula Community Planning Board; Leslie Sanguinetti of the North Bay PAC; Marty Dine of the Point Loma Association and Mike Akey of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

Also involved are Melanie Nickel, chair of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce traffic subcommittee, and representatives of the City of San Diego, including Gail Goldberg, Planning Director; Gary Halbert of the Planning Department and Allen Holden, director of the Traffic and Engineering Department.

One of the outcomes of the Task Force's work will be an evaluation of the impact of the widening of Rosecrans Avenue.

The Task Force has set short-term, mid-term and long-term goals regarding traffic in the area. Within the next five years, look for proposals that involve a re-alignment of Midway Drive, an additional lane added to Nimitz between West Point Loma Dr. and the freeway, widening of Sea World Drive and widening Sports Arena Blvd.

Long-term goals include improvements of the Old Town and Barnett Avenue ramps and new construction surrounding the interchanges between Interstate 5 and Interstate 8.

If you want a more information about the Traffic Task Force, Chair

Joe Manino can be reached at (619) 778-5888.



Community Groups

Midway Community Planning Board

Contact: Leslie Hokr
(619) 297-6113

Meets 1st Tuesday at 2:30pm

NTC Peninsula Community Service Center

2640 Decatur Road

City Contact: Tony Kempton
(619) 236-6861

North Bay BID

Contact: Joe Menino
(619) 778-5888

North Bay Project Area Committee

Contact: Mike Stevens
(619) 223-9833

Meets 1st Wednesday 7:30pm

Naval Training Center Bldg 200

2640 Decatur Road
Contact: Jim Davies
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NTC Core Wins National Historic Designation

The National Park Service has announced that the Naval Training Station Historic District is now on the National Register of Historic Places. The designation will help preserve the original buildings on the former Naval base that were built between 1921-1943.

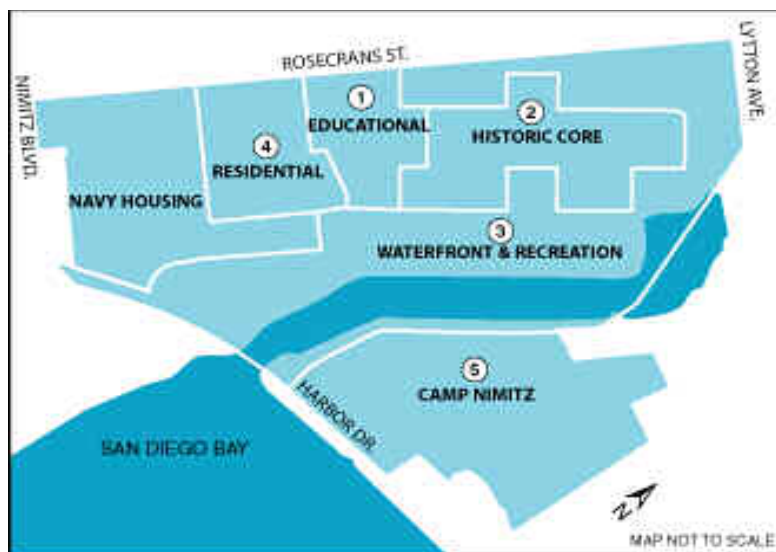
“Preservation of these historic structures was a priority of the NTC Reuse Committee,” said Councilmember Byron Wear. “The community can rest assured that these buildings will be restored to their original splendor, maintaining the character and military history of the area.”

As a result of closing NTC in 1997, the Navy was required by the National Historic Preservation Act to have the base surveyed to identify structures eligible for listing on the National Register. Two surveys were conducted by Ogden Environmental and Energy Services Co., a consultant hired by the Navy. Eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places brings with it restrictions on modifying the exteriors of the buildings and other areas in the district. A set of guidelines for rehabilitation of the structures has been completed and approved by the City's Historical Resources Board.

Fifty buildings and two structures make up the NTC Historic District. The district is significant both historically and architecturally, and the buildings within the district display similar Spanish Colonial Revival with Pueblo influence design elements. Many of the buildings have tile roofs, graceful arches and arcades, and a sense of scale and proportion that lends history and dignity to the base. The two structures include the USS Recruit and the gun platforms on Preble Field. The Sail Ho Golf Course is also part of the designation.

Some of the earliest buildings at NTC were designed by renowned architect Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue (1869-1924). Other prominent designs by the architect include the California Building in Balboa Park, the tower at the Bishop's School in La Jolla, Los Angeles' Central Library, St. Vincent Ferrer Church in New York City, Rockefeller Memorial Chapel at University of Chicago, and the National Academy of Sciences Building in Washington, D.C.

More than 20 buildings in the historic district will comprise the Civic, Arts and Cultural Center. The buildings will remain in public ownership and leased to the nonprofit NTC Foundation by the City's Redevelopment Agency. The foundation is responsible for rehabilitating the buildings and creating and operating the Civic, Arts and Cultural Center. The center will include exhibition areas; museum space; classrooms and educational facilities; performance and theater space; meeting areas for civic, arts, and cultural groups; restaurants; retail shops; and public spaces for conferences and lectures. The community contact for NTC is Oliver McMillin representative Megan Conley at (619) 336-3647.



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Charting a Course for the Future

New City Council maps are available to the public free of charge at the City Clerk's Office, 202 C St., second floor, in downtown San Diego. The map reflects the changes adopted by the City Redistricting Commission at its Sept. 5 meeting. The map can also be downloaded from the City's web site at www.sandiego.gov.

The Commission made a final adjustment to the map on Sept. 5 to accommodate a request from Monsignor Joe Carroll to have his St. Vincent de Paul Village included in District 2. Previously added was the East Village community, including the Ballpark District. Other changes included unifying all of Pacific Beach and adding portions of Mt.

Soledad and Bird Rock into the District. In downtown, Park West and

Cortez Hill were added to District 2.

In keeping with the mission of creating compact, contiguous districts, some areas were removed from District 2, including Hillcrest, portions of University Heights, the South Bay community of Nestor. The eastern half of Mission Bay was reassigned to District 6.

Having completed the work of adopting a Final Redistricting Plan for the City, members of the Commission plan to now turn their attention to evaluating the new redistricting process used for the first time this year. The City Charter was changed in 1992 to give the authority for setting new Council boundaries to an independent citizens' commission. In past years, including the 1991 redistricting, the boundaries were set by the City Council members themselves.

"One of the things we will want to look at," said Commission Chairman Ralph Pesqueira, "is a recommendation to the City Council to study and put on the ballot a proposal to increase the number of City Council districts."

The Commission is expected to develop this recommendation and others to improve the process in future years. Members of the public are invited to submit their comments on the process via email at redistrict@sdcity.sannet.gov, fax at (619) 533-3400, or phone at (619) 533-3401. For more information, visit the City website (www.sandiego.gov), click on "City Hall," and choose Redistricting Commission under the "Agencies and Commissions" section.

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